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INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 10292

1. PAL (BAC-111) HIJACKED FROM AN INTERNAL FLIGHT LANDED AT HONG KONG 2034 HOURS LOCAL, OCT 11. AFTER LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. TODA, PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINE AIRLINES FOR OVER THREE HOURS, THE THREE HIJACKERS, ALL PHILIPPINE NATIONALS, AGREED TO SURRENDER THEIR WEAPONS TO TODAY WHO HANDED WEAPONS TO HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES. HIJACKERS THEN RETURNED TO MANILA WITH THE SAME AIRCRAFT WHICH TOOK OFF AT 0019 HOURS LOCAL OCT 12.

2. POLITICAL ADVISER'S OFFICE, HKG, INFORMS US THAT THERE WAS NO MENTION BY THE PHILIPPINE HIJACKERS OF THEIR WISHING TO SEEK ASYLUM IN PRC. THIS SOURCE CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT HIJACKERS AT FIRST SOUGHT ASYLUM IN HONG KONG BUT WERE CATEGORICALLY INFORMED THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. OFFER OF AMNESTY FROM MARCOS THEN ENDED DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE PLACES OF ASYLUM (SWITZERLAND AND MID-EAST WERE MENTIONED AT ONE POINT). ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE HIJACKERS WERE CONFUSED AND INEXPERIENCED AND HAD NO THOUGHT-OUT PLANS. ISSUES WHICH HAD LED TO THEIR FRUSTRATION WERE APPARENTLY LOCAL ONES. PHILIPPINE CONSULATE OFFICER ALSO PRIVATELY CONFIRMED PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT.

3. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HANDLED THE HIJACKING IN
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COOL COMPETENT MANNER. FULL DETAILS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN SEPARATE

REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE.

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